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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN VISA REGULATIONS CONCERNING
CUBAN AMERICANS

1. GUATEMALA'S NEW VISA REGULATION, WHICH REQUIRES THAT APPLICATIONS FROM ANYONE BORN IN CUBA, REGARDLESS OF CURRENT NATIONALITY, BE REFERRED TO GUATEMALA FOR APPROVAL, IS BECOMING A PUBLIC RELATIONS AND POLITICAL PROBLEM HERE. THE CUBAN-AMERICANS BELIEVE THEY ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AND "DEFAMED" AS TERRORISTS. THE NEW REGULATIONS HAVE PROVOKED ARTICLES AND UNFAVORABLE EDITORIALS IN SUCH NEWSPAPERS AS THE DIARIO DE LOS AMERICAS AND THE MIAMI HERALD. CONGRESSMAN DANTE FASCELL IS CONSIDERING INTRODUCING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BILL REQUIRING THE SECRETARY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION DISCRIMINATORY ACTION BASED ON NATIONAL ORIGIN WHEN APPORTIONING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS. THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN THE
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GUATEMALAN REGULATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF SOVEREIGNTY, INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND OUR OWN VISA LAWS AND REGULATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL.

2. REQUEST THAT YOU INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT THE LEVEL YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE OF THE SITUATION DESCRIBED ABOVE.

PLEASE

ASK HOW LONG THE GOG ANTICIPATES THE REGULATION
WILL REMAIN EFFECT? WHAT IS THE AVERAGE TIME BETWEEN
AN APPLICATION FOR A VISA OR TOURIST CARD AND
THE ISSUANCE?

3. WE HAVE INFORMED AMBASSADOR LAMPORT OF THIS PROBLEM.
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